

ABSTRACT

- 1 A freeze dryer comprising a chamber having a rectangular slot through which
- 2 vials are inserted into the chamber, and a slot door for forming a seal with the
- 3 chamber to close the slot. To enable the vials to be subsequently removed from
- 4 the chamber, the slot door is raised. As the door is raised, it is rotated to expose
- 5 the rear surface of the door for cleaning purposes.